been closed down in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Government have been urged to improve the poultry farms in the State;

(d) if so, whether the Central Government have agreed to provide assistance to the State Government; and

(e) if so, how much amount will be sanctioned for 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the State Government small commercial poultry farms upto the strength of 2000 poultry birds have closed down due to high cost of poultry feed ingredients and lack of marketing facilities.

(c) This Department has not received any specific request for the improvement of poultry farms. Some representations were received about putting restrictions on export of maize etc.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Funds for Development of Horticulture

4059. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds earmarked and released for the development of horticulture in the country, particularly in the State of Punjab during the last three years;

(b) the achievements made in this regard; and

(c) the amount proposed to be sanctioned for the next two years for the aforesaid purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The funds allocated, released and utilised for the development of horticulture in the country, and in Punjab is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

	All India	Punjab
Allocation	1,000.00	9.13
Release	492.98	6.5
Utilisation (As conveyed by the State Governments)	392.64	4.5

(c) The amount proposed to be sanctioned in the next two years will be decided at the beginning of each financial year.

Construction of Railway Over Bridges

4060. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Indian Railway rules, overbridges on the level crossings used by a lakh of vehicles in 24 hours are required to be built:

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted by Government to identify such level crossings requiring construction of overbridges;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to construct overbridges on these level crossings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) Railways consider replacement by Road Over/Under bridges of busy level crossings having a traffic density of 1 lakh or more TVUs (Train Vehicle Units, a figure obtained by multiplying the number of trains by the number of road vehicle units passing over the level crossing in 24 hours). Proposals of such